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Warpup on Jaffe material from Newcomb

Aside from what I have made brief notes about, there was in the file the second page of a memo, that page relating to Dunkin, the note the photographer wrote Garrison (not me) when I asked Fred to do certain work with the 133 pictures (this is undated but it is of February 1968- I left LA 2/16, I think, and this was right after that. The letter to Jaffe signed "Ray" is undoubtedly Broshears. This should have been enough, in itself, to end all serious interest in him but as we know, it wasn't. There is thereceipt for an airline ticket for Hall under an alias!

Throughout I have asked the question, why did Jaffe give this shit to Fred, why did not Fred detectx its valuelessness or ask questions himself? This is an enormous void that merely cost a number of us time and money. I am not saying Fred did wrong to send it to you. I am saying that if he did thinking he was helping, it is a measure of his ignorance of what he is and was part of, of his judgement. You did right to send it to me because you are not in a position to evaluate it.

This is not all of Jaffe's file. First, the identifications on them reveal this. Second, my own knowledge does. In the potentially important area, Farewell, it clearly cannot be. It cannot be on Rose, for there is the entire Mexico thing of which there is no referencexx. Here I refer to sending Rose to Mexico on Hepburn. It is not and cannot be on Broshears, or his and Bro.'s appearances together. It is not on anything. Then, why did Jaffe give Fred anything, why did he select that which he did, and why did Fred not ask for the rest? These are but some of the questions.

You will find no more self-serving incompetent that Jaffe. He does it spontaneously, unrelentingly. It is part of him. It is his hope that in so doing he can overcome his lack of anything. He was serving some interestxx here.

I believe the self-revelation should lay to rest any rational suspicion he was an "agent", unless those hiring agents are themselves insane. Why get messed up with anybne who will do what you want when he'll do it anyway?

The sickening disclosure of the character and competence of the investigation is not news to me, and the minor disclosures of inconsequential things of which I knew nothing are not at all important.

For your own information, this comes at a time when I was pressing Jaffe to tell me what he knows of the people involved in Farewell, of every incident, etc. I have yet to get a meaningful response. Instead, he dumps this stuff that belongs in a toilet on Fred. I am aware of the possibility Jaffe was under instructions to tell me nothing, for Jim has nothing to be proud of in all this. I had early warned him against it. So, it could be Jaffe's rationalization, his means of telling himself he did cooperate in a self-investigation. The tape of his grilling (there were three of which I know) by Maggie, Ray, Fred,,is also not as competent. I had been pressing Maggie and Steve, and they didn t even send that to me until I got kind of tight on them. It does not seek nor does it get what we needed to know.

Anyway, I do not pretend to know the answers. I do have questions. I think paying any attention to this stuff is a total waste of your time. There is nothing you will learn from it, nothing in it you can depend upon, nothing that has any significance or new meaning. Sorry. H